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November 16, 2004

APPLICATION

2102-63625

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Louisiana Office of Conservation
P.O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Miogyp Zone, Reservoir B
Laurel Ridge Field
Iberville and Ascension Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters in the **Miogyp Zone, Reservoir B**, in the Laurel Ridge Field, Iberville and Ascension Parishes, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated MIO RB SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To provide future wells drilled to the Miogyp Zone, Reservoir B, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;

4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Miogyp Zone, Reservoir B in the Laurel Ridge Field, Iberville and Ascension Parishes, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 11,394 feet and 12,735 feet, electrical log measurements, in the KCS Resources, Inc. - Claiborne Plantation No. 1 Well, located in Section 15, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

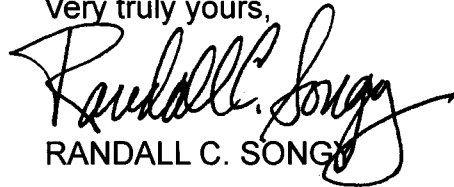
A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 2:00 p.m. on November 15, 2004, at the Hibernia National Bank, Training Room (2nd Floor), (225)474-4000. Randall C. Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedures. Remy Williams, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological engineering, and other bases therefore, and answered questions. There were no counterplans presented. The conference was then adjourned.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting **W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337)232-5004.**

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



RANDALL C. SONG

RCS/elg/bad

Enclosures

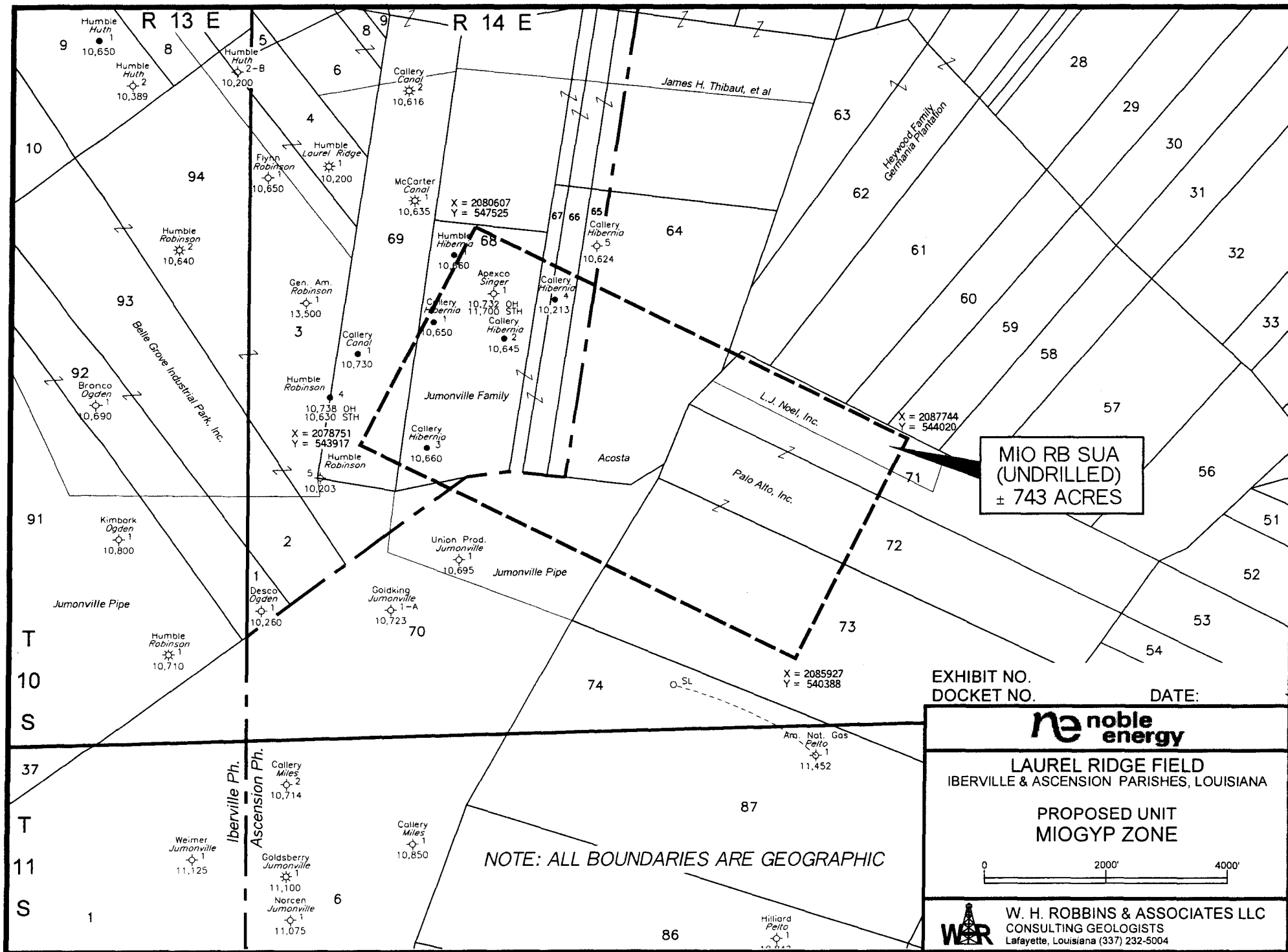
cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Interested Parties and
Represented Parties

P.S. To all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties:

You may have received this Application even though your property is not included in the proposed unit, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed unit.

Your receipt of this Application does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.



MIO RB SUA
(UNDRILLED)
± 743 ACRES

EXHIBIT NO. _____
DOCKET NO. _____
DATE: _____

noble energy

LAUREL RIDGE FIELD
IBERVILLE & ASCENSION PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
MIOGYP ZONE

0 2000' 4000'

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